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REF: STRAUS LETTER OF 5/20/77 TO AMB. THIERFELDER,
STATE 124822

FOR STRAUS FROM BASKIN

1. THIERFELDER CALLED THIS A.M. TO SAY HE HAD HAD FRUITFUL DISCUSSION BY TELCON WITH YOU AND TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR QUICK APPROVAL OF SLIGHT CHANGE OF WORDING OF SECTION A.II.1. HE ALSO INQUIRED CONCERNING DATE OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF EVALUATION OF FOREIGN CREDENTIALS REFERRED TO IN YOUR LETTER.

2. REQUEST CONCERNING DATE, HE EMPHASIZED, NOT PROMPTED BY ANY DESIRE ON HIS PART TO ENCOURAGE OR PUSH FOR EARLY MEETING OF COUNCIL. IN FACT, THIERFELDER INDICATED HE FELT THERE MIGHT BE SOME ADVANTAGE ON GERMAN SIDE IF COUNCIL MET LATER -- MAYBE MID-AUGUST -- RATHER THAN EARLIER TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMERICAN DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS. HE SAYS HE IS FEELING QUITE GOOD ABOUT CURRENT STATE OF AFFAIRS WITHIN GERMAN COMMITTEE. HOWEVER, CERTAIN FORMALITIES MUST STILL BE OBSERVED WITH REGARD TO INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTATION ON GERMAN COMMITTEE,
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AND THIERFELDER FEELS A LITTLE MORE TIME WILL HELP. FOR SOME REASON, WE GATHER, HE THINKS IT MAY APPLY SOME PSYCHOLOGICAL PRESSURE ON GERMAN COMMITTEE TO MORE TIMELY AND FAVORABLE ACTION IF FCEFC'S APPROVAL STILL PENDING.

3. FRANKLY, WE DO NOT RECOMMEND DELAYING COUNCIL'S

MEETING BECAUSE WE BELIEVE THIERFELDER IS AGAIN NOT
BEING AS FORCEFUL AS HE MIGHT IN PUSHING GERMAN COMMITTEE
TO ACTION. LITTMANN REPORTS THAT KRAUSE AND NOW ALAN
SMITH ARE BOTH SAYING THAT PERMANENT CONFERENCE OF
CULTURAL MINISTERS AND RECTORS' CONFERENCE MUST GIVE
THEIR APPROVAL TO COMMITTEE'S PAPER AND RECOMMENDATIONS.
THEY DON'T KNOW AT WHAT LEVEL THIS MIGHT BE BUT KRAUSE
IS TALKING ABOUT PLENARY MEETING OF CULTURAL MINISTERS
WHICH COULD MEAN DEATH OF ANY AGREEMENT. HE STILL
SEEMS DETERMINED TO HAVE HIS WAY AND BELIEVES HE CAN
ACCOMPLISH THIS THROUGH DELAYING TACTICS, WITHHOLDING
APPROVAL UNTIL PERMANENT CONFERENCE SPECIFICALLY ACTS
TO GIVE IT, ETC. IT WOULD BE BETTER, WE FEEL (LITTMANN
BELIEVES HOLLE AT BONN U. AGREES WITH US ALTHOUGH HE IS
NOT BACK FROM U.S. TO SAY SO) FOR COUNCIL TO HAVE ITS
MEETING AND THUS APPLY SOME PRESSURE ON GERMANS TO GET
ON WITH IT.
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